

August 17, 1948

MEMO TO: Jack F. Conley
cc: L. D. Cornell
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SUBJECT: Operating Deficit for Camp Belnap - 1948

Attached to this memorandum you will find an income and operating expense budget for Camp Belnap for the season of 1948. This camp was not operating during the First and Fourth Periods; however, the salaries for the First Period (\$324.60) were paid. The camp was operated during the Second and Third Periods for 60 boys in the Second Period and 50 boys in the Third - total of 110 Scouts in camp.

You will note income reached the sum of \$3,324.00, which represents board fees of 110 Scouts and number of meals sold, pro rata share of income based on number of people in camp, and postage sold through camp store provides \$50.00. Income of store sales represents profit of \$50.00 on that camp - for a total income of \$3,324.00 during the two periods of operation. Expenses, on the other hand, for office supplies, telephone, printing, commissary, staff salaries, trucks, gas, oil, miscellaneous, program, activities, publicity, and staff travel total \$6,315.68. You will note this provides for a meal cost of 40¢ per meal, which is the actual operating cost for meals. This is 5¢ more than was budgeted for the overall camping season and represents 8¢ more than the next similar camp. On various accounts a proportionate share, considering expenses incurred for merely a two period operation and in some instances the maximum expenditure irrespective of whether the camp operated for four periods, and on certain rentals such as for adding machine and typewriter are provided for as well as the cost of setting up of the camp, closing of the camp, state sales tax, and staff salaries.

You will note then that this camp operated for those two periods at a deficit of \$2,991.68. In other words, for the 100 Scouts in camp the Owasippe Scout Camps, at the expense of the other Scouts in the other camps, subsidized each boy attending Camp Belnap \$27.00 - just \$2.00 less than what the camp board there was. Obviously, this is an extraordinary financial arrangement which would certainly behoove us to insure that no repetition of this type takes place in the future. Naturally, this deficit of \$2,991.68 has had to be absorbed by close financial supervision of all camps in order to underwrite this serious loss. This

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in turn indirectly represents approximately a \$3,000 assessment on all other boys camping at Owasippe. This makes then for the 2600 boys in camp, or for 2500 camping at the other camps, we have actually assessed each boy \$1.50 in order to underwrite Camp Belnap or to state it a little differently, were if Camp Belnap were to operate as the other camps, we would have been able to have reduced the fee charged for the other camps to the extent of \$1.50.

It is an interesting situation that the Chicago Council, through the Owasippe Scout Camps, has taken a Camp Belnap boy and in addition to the \$29.00 he pays towards camp we have had this year to add \$27.00 for each boy to meet operating expenses plus the average of \$8.00 per boy to meet maintenance expenses. Surely boys going to Camp Belnap from the Douglas District have been enjoying a rather unique financial arrangement which should bear some deep consideration for the future.

You will note, also, very little effort apparently was done to reduce the meal cost although this camp exceeded the authorized meal allowance during the second period, it had been warned not to repeat this expenditure during the Third Period, but it maintained a cost of 40¢ each meal. Camps Beard, Stuart, and West had meal costs of 32¢ and Family Camp, whose cook formerly cooked at Belnap last year, averaged only 30¢ this year.

I, therefore, am of the opinion that with the above information and from observation of the camp operations for the past three years at Camp Belnap that a complete overhauling of the administration of this camp is essential.

I should like, at this time, to repeat an earlier statement made in a former communication that this camp be closed permanently. That in the future the site be established as a new camp giving it the name of Camp Stevenson in honor of a former Council Executive who was of material assistance in the acquisition of the Blue Lake property, or returning the camp to its former name Camp Pioneer and operating the camp on a little more advanced basis than that now used at Beard, Stuart, and West, permitting boys irrespective of color and District to camp at this camp just as at Beard, Stuart, and West. Such Douglas District Scouts as may be interested in camping next season could elect to go to any of the five Camps - Beard, Stuart, West, this new camp, and Wilderness. This would permit us then to operate the camp dining hall and facilities to their maximum capacity of 175 persons.

At Stuart in the Fourth Period, we had one negro Troop, at Beard the Fourth Period we have a mixed Troop, and at West the First Period, we had one negro Troop. The Troop at West in the First Period and the one at Stuart the Fourth Period had been originally planning on attending Belnap and had

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been switched to these camps. At this writing it has been apparent that for the negro boys at Beard, Stuart, and West throughout this season it has been an entirely satisfactory experience and no racial troubles were started and no undue tensions were developed and I am sure that the negro boys from Douglas District concerned were afforded a very favorable camping experience. To my personal knowledge, there has been no complaint either on their part or on the other campers.

Yours very truly,

Jack M. Perz
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Owasippe Scout Camps

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Owasippe Scout Camps
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CAMP BELMAP OPERATING EXPENSES

1948

INCOME

51	Board Receipts (110 Scouts)	\$ 3,190.00
52	Meals Sold	34.00
58	Post Office Operation	50.00
59	Store Sales	<u>50.00</u>
		3,324.00

ADMINISTRATION

10	Office Supplies & Stationery	50.00
11	Postage	15.00
12	Printing and Mimeographing	100.00
13	Telephone	<u>30.00</u>
		195.00

COMMISSARY

20-26	110 Scouts - 43 Meals - .40¢ @	1,892.00
14	Volunteer Staff - 43 Meals - 40¢ @	240.80
16	Staff - 86 Meals - 40¢ @	<u>550.40</u>
		2,683.20
27	Fuel	30.00
28	Ice	60.00
29	Laundry	25.00
30	Food - Opening Camp	125.00
31	Food - Closing Camp	40.00
32	Supplies	<u>40.00</u>
		3,003.20

HEALTH AND SANITATION

65	Medical	40.00
66	Sanitation	<u>5.00</u>
		45.00

LEADERSHIP AND OBJECTIVES

80	Salaries - Administration	303.00
81	Salaries - Kitchen	400.60
82	Salaries - Labor	14.00
83	Salaries - Program	<u>620.00</u>
		1,337.60
84	Research and Reference	5.00
85	Leadership Training	70.00
86	Religious Travel	<u>5.00</u>
		1,417.60

MAINTENANCE

90E	Trucks - Equipment	40.00
90L	Trucks - License	30.00
90R	Trucks - Repairs	60.00
92	Gas - Oil - Kerosene	<u>380.00</u>

Camp Belmar Operating Expenses - 1948

93L Setup and Change - Labor	396.00
93M Setup and Change - Material	45.00
94L Closing Camp	60.00
95 Quartermaster Supplies	<u>45.00</u>
	1,096.00

MISCELLANEOUS

100 General	30.00
102 Spring Camp	15.00
107 Winter Camp	10.00
108 State Sales Tax	<u>160.00</u>
	215.00

PROGRAM

110 Program	24.88
111 Aquatic	15.00
112 Awards	15.00
113 Craftsmanship	20.00
118 Library	5.00
120 Ranger	<u>18.00</u>
	97.88

ACTIVITIES

128 Activities	1.00
130 Miscellaneous	<u>5.00</u>
	6.00

PUBLICITY

132 Printed Matter	180.00
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TRANSPORTATION

152 Staff Travel	<u>100.00</u>
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OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 6,316.68
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EXPENSES OVER INCOME	\$ 2,991.68
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